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Ambassador met February 25 with Acting Foreign Minister Pires to push the case for Timor-Leste's rapid recognition of Kosovo's independence. Pires said she was unable to offer a substantive response regarding Timor-Leste's position. Pires acknowledged, however, the urgency of the matter and committed to raise the issue promptly upon the return of Foreign Minister Da Costa (expected today) and with the Prime Minister. Ambassador will follow up with the Foreign Minister as well.

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